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THE New York judge who will help pick the Iranscam independent counsel is no stranger to intelligence operations. Walter

Mansfield, a senior federal appeals judge here, worked behind enemy lines with the CIA's predecessor agency during World War II. He was a law partner and protégé of "Wild Bill" Donovan, the founder of the Office of Strategic

Services, America's first real intelligence service. Mansfield, one of the three-judge panel that will name the counsel, parachuted into Nazi-occupied Yugoslavia to help train freedom fighters, and later into China to help train the Chinese to fight against the Japanese. His former law partner Ken Hart said, "I think he's very, very proud of those years."